Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 2 as follows.

There is shown in FIG. 1 an example of a TDMA uplink slot 100 that has been divided into two subslots 102, 104 for use as a random access slot. Each of the subslots 102, 104 comprises a synchronization section 110, a data section 112, and a guard band 116. The synchronization section 110 is used by the repeater receiving the transmission to time synchronize with the transmitting communication unit. The data section 112 contains the information for requesting assignment of the downlink slot or other data. The guard band 116 is used to keep the transmissions of communication units in adjacent subslots 102, 104 from overlapping. The guard band 116 is necessary to account for the propagation time between the communication unit transmitting ~~the~~a subslot ~~102,104~~ and the repeater.

Please delete the first three paragraphs of page 6 as follows.

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

~~The following describes an apparatus and method for improving the utilization of time slots when small amounts of data are being transmitted. In one embodiment of the present invention there is provided a method for a communication system adapted for communicating information in one or more time slots within a predetermined bandwith wherein at least one of the time slots includes at least two subslots that are non overlapping in frequency. The method comprises the step of communicating information by at least one communication unit in a selected number of subslots.~~

~~In another embodiment of the present invention there is provided an apparatus for sending information over a communication channel that has been divided into a plurality of subslots. The apparatus comprises a transmitter operable to transmit information in a selected one or more of the plurality of subslots into which at least one of the time slots has been divided such that the subslots are non-overlapping in frequency.~~

~~In yet another embodiment of the present invention there is a apparatus for obtaining information sent over a communication channel that is divided into time slots, at least one time~~

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~~slot comprising a plurality of subslots that are non-overlapping in frequency. The apparatus comprises a receiver operable to receive information in one or more of the plurality of subslots.~~

Please amend the first five lines on page 7 as follows.

communication system infrastructure (not shown) such as, for example, that is described in US application Serial No. ~~TBD~~ 20020093948 titled "Packet-Based Multimedia Communication System Having One or More Wireless Links", assigned to the assignee of the current invention and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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